ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

YEAR ENDING FEB. 11, 1858.

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REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WESTFORD, FEB. 10, 1858.

The Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,		$1335 90
Cash borrowed,		1550 00
" of J. B. Fletcher, Liquor Agent,		24 22
" of Stony Brook R. R. Dividends,		30 00
" of State School Fund,		71 19
" of Miscellaneous items,		17 93
" of T. P. Wright, Collector,	(1856 in full)	37 33
" " " "	prior to Oct. 6, 1857,	2669 96
" " " "	" " Dec. 6, "	1402 71
" " " "	after " " "	2101 67
" of Overseers of the Poor,		60 76
		$9301 67

PAYMENTS.

Paid Samuel Wiley's Note,	400 00
" Interest on Notes,	108 06
" State Tax, 1857,	1242 00
" County Tax, 1857,	1010 84
" Overseers of the Poor,	935 00
" School Districts,	1229 00
" Orders,	2966 18
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1410 59
	$9301 67

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following named persons, to wit:

Jesse Wright, two notes and interest,	602 37
Solomon Nutting, note "	525 75
Susanna Reed, " "	157 37
Joseph Hildreth, two notes "	441 73
Sally Adams, one note "	104 13
Calvin Howard " " "	311 95

Caleb Wight, " " "		466 42
John Osgood, " " "		309 20
		$2919 02
School Districts,		1500 46
Master at Poor House,		190 00
Outstanding order,		3 50
Outstanding claims, estimated at		220 00
		$4832 98

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$1410 59	
Five shares Stony Brook Railroad,	500 00	
Dividend,	7 50	
Amount of Tax for 1857, uncollected,	41 55	
		1959 64
Balance against the Town,		$2873 34
Amount of Debt, 1857,		1661 97
Increase of Debt,		$1211 37

J. W. P. ABBOT,
JOSEPH HILDRETH,
J. B. FLETCHER,
} Committee.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Westford, for the year ending March 1st, 1858, submit the following Report :——

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING TOWN OFFICERS' COMPENSATION.

S. D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, 1856,	$12 00
Drawing School Money from State, paying State and County Tax, and entertainment for Commitee to settle with Town Treasurer,	5 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, powder, stationery, postage, &c.,	5 70
T. P. Wright, hooks, hinges and bolts for gates for W. graveyard,	8 28
L. Luce, services as Town Clerk, 1856,	12 00
" " recording births, deaths and marriages,	17 25
" " reporting same to Sec'y of State, and cash paid Express and for stationery,	4 25
D. C. Mead, services as School Committee, 1856,	20 00
" " writing report, stationery, &c.,	3 00
Geo. T. Day, services as School Committee, 1856.	20 00
" " " lighting Town hall, postage, express bills, &c.,	2 50

Geo. W. Tuttle, services as School Committee, 1856,	20	00
Amos Day, work done on West graveyard,	2	50
S. N. Merrill, for printing 80 blank books, 1856,	8	00
" " for Town and School reports and bills, 1856-57,	28	00
T. S. Hamlet, sawing plank, 1856,	2	46
First Parish, use of Town hall and fuel, '56,	34	00
" " tolling bell for deaths and funerals, '56,	7	50
Union Society, " " " "	7	50
J. B. Read, attending 12 funerals with hearse, '56,	8	16
" " " " " " '57,	10	68
J. B. Fletcher, Entertainment of Town Officers in March,	6	00
" " cash to buy liquor as Town Agent,	65	00
" " Entertainment of Town Officers in Nov.,	4	50
I. E. Day, cash to buy liquor as Town agent,	28	00
Imla Keyes, land to enlarge East graveyard,	100	00
J. W. P. Abbot, cash paid for expressing,	1	26
" " transcribing and sending off 231 marriages,	24	10
" " use of room and firewood for Assessors,	3	00
" " writing articles of agreement between the Overseers of Poor and H. W. Crocker,	2	00
A. W. Cummings, appraising property at Poor farm, '56,	1	50
Daniel Flagg, " " " " "	1	50
Mrs. Betsey P. Day, boarding Assessors while making taxes,	23	00
Chas. L. Fletcher, hewing timber at Poor farm,	17	35
E. A. Stevens, making and hanging gates at West graveyard, moving and setting posts, &c.	14	90
Levi Snow, repairing fence and road around East graveyard,	11	50
" " Laying 24 1-2 rods wall for same,	24	50
Cummings Hale, injury to wife by being thrown from a wagon near the house of Geo. B. Hildreth,	25	00
William Dailey, abatement of taxes in 1855,	1	50
L. H. Hildreth, seeing Levi Prescott about injury to horse and settling the same,	1	00
L. H. Hildreth, seeing about land for East graveyard,	1	00
" " going to Lowell to get notices printed,	1	50
" " taking invoice and making taxes, 19 1-2 days,	29	25
" " seeing I. Keyes, about buying land for E. graveyard,	1	50
" " settling liquor agency with J, B. Fletcher,	2	50
" " moving and measuring liquor and taking a bond of I. E. Day,	1	00
" " making two school taxes and paid express,	3	80
" " meeting Hale & Marden about injury to wives,	1	00
" " settling with Hale,	1	25
" " going to Chelmsford to see Marden,	1	50
" " going to Chelmsford to see Dr. Bartlett, and gain information in Mrs. Marden's case,	1	50
" " services as Selectman,	5	00
George Reed, two gates and 6 horse posts at W. graveyard,	4	50
" " drilling, morticing and teaming posts,	1	75
" " seeing Levi Prescott about injury to horse and settling the same,	1	00
" " seeing Imla Keyes, about purchasing land,	1	00
" " seeing Imla Keyes and buying land for E. graveyard,	1	50

George Reed, taking invoice and making taxes sixteen days,	24	00
" " settling with liquor agent,	2	50
" " making two school taxes,	3	00
" " perambulating Town line,	2	00
" " services as Selectman,	5	00
E. A. Harwood, seeing Imla Keyes about land for E. graveyard,	1	00
" " going to W. graveyard to see about gates & posts,		75
" " going to see Warren Hunt about buying land for East graveyard,	1	00
" " taking invoice and making taxes 18 days,	27	00
" " reckoning and settling with liquor agent,	2	50
" " making School tax in District No. 9,	1	50
" " perambulating Town line,	2	00
" " going to see and purchase land of Imla Keyes,	1	00
" " writing deed and taking acknowledgement of same,		67
" " meeting Hale & Marden about injury to wives,	1	50
" " settling with Hale and going to Chelmsford to see Marden,	3	00
" " cash paid Police on muster field at Adams' mill,	96	71
" " services as Selectman,	5	00
T. P. Wright, collecting Poll taxes by order of Selectmen, 1857,	5	88
" " commission on collecting $19 90, taxes for '57,	84	58
" " error in footing up Tax for '56,	34	07
" " posting warrants,	2	00
	$961	55

NEW ROADS WITH FOREGOING EXPENSES;
BREAKING OUT ROADS, & WORK ON ROADS & BRIDGES.

Daniel Flagg, work on road mowing bushes,	6	87
" " breaking out roads, 1856,	11	87
George Kidder, breaking out roads "	15	50
D. P. Lawrence, " " "	18	50
Wm. Kittridge, " " "	56	88
Calvin Howard, " " "	45	42
Jos. Hildreth, " " "	5	00
Zacheus Reed, " " '55,	70	75
S. N. Burbeck, " " '56,	34	00
G. S. Frederic, " " "	28	37
L. F. Fletcher, " " "	8	88
" " " " "	88	87
A. R. Perham, " " "	29	00
John Osgood, " " "	7	88
George Laws, " " "	18	75
S. E. Hutchins, " " "	4	55
R. J. Taylor, " " "	4	81
J. B. Reed, " " "	3	88
Elikim Hutchins, " " "	18	35
John Dane, " " "	24	75
John Morrison, land to widen road,	8	00
Edward Holt, moving back and laying over wall on road,	4	00
Gilbert Parker, land damage and fencing,	175	00
Eli Tower, repairing bridge,	4	00

Alfred Blood, repairing road,	27	12
T. A. Blodgett, repairing causeway,	24	00
N. S. Hamblin, removing rock by Abijah Hildreth's,	9	24
William Chandler, putting up railing and work on Dunstable road,	5	00
Matthew Griffin, land damage and fencing,	75	00
T. Keyes, work on road,	9	69
Calvert & Sargent, work on road,	2	75
Erastus Wright, " "	5	93
Elikim Hutchins, work on Holt's road,	5	50
" " laying over wall to widen road,	9	07
John Pingrey, building 204 rods road to M. Griffin, at $4 per rod,	816	00
L. H. Hildreth, breaking out roads, 1856,	5	88
" " going to widen road by T. A. Blodgett's,	1	50
" " viewing and widening road from Eager's to Groton road,	1	50
" " laying out road to Matthew Griffin's,	1	50
" " letting out road to Matthew Griffin to build,	1	50
" " viewing road and bridleway from E Burns' to mill road,	1	00
" " setting out willows on new road east of Geo. Law's,	7	00
" " opposing road to Graniteville, before Commissioners,	1	00
" " viewing road to Graniteville,	1	00
" " viewing and excepting road to Matthew Griffin's,	1	00
" " viewing road on petition of J. B. Smith et al	1	00
" " going to see John Day about land damages,		50
George Reed, going to widen road by T. A. Blodgett's,	1	50
" " viewing and widening road from Eager's to Groton road,	1	50
" " laying out road to Matthew Griffin's,	1	50
" " viewing road & bridleway, on petition E. Bunce et al	1	00
" " letting out road to Matthew Griffin's to build,	1	50
" " viewing road to Graniteville,	1	00
" " viewing and excepting road to Matthew Griffin's,	1	00
" " viewing road on petition of J. B. Smith and others,	1	00
" " putting railing at Calvert & Sargent's dam, and repairing road,	1	50
E: A. Harwood, viewing and widening road by T. A. Blodgett's,	1	50
" " " " " " E. Holt s,	1	50
" " viewing and laying out road to Matthew Griffin's,	1	50
" " going to view road and bridleway from E. Bunce's to mill road,	1	00
" " letting out road to Matthew Griffin's,	1	50
" " viewing road to Graniteville,	1	00
" " viewing and excepting road to Griffin's,	1	00
E. A. Harwood, viewing roads on petition of J. B. Smith et al	1	00
" " helping survey road to Granitville,	2	00
Samuel Fletcher, meeting County Commissioners as Town Committee to oppose J. W. P. Abbot's road,	1	50
" " to helping lay out road via. Boutwell B. Hill,	1	00
Edmund Symmes, surveying Boutwell B. road twice, and making plans and calculations,	5	50
" " surveying and making plan of M. Griffin road,	2	50
Thos. Richardson, meeting Co. Commissioners as Town's Committee to oppose J. W. P. Abbot's road,	1	00

Thos. Richardson, to cash and expenses attending the survey of Boutwell B. road,		19 95
N. S. Hamblin, meeting Co. Commissioners twice as Town's Committee to oppose the Boutwell B. road, and time spent in surveying the same,		5 50
		$1768 11

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Taxes assessed in 1856,		12 67
" " 1857,		94 55
		$107 22

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Orders amounting to		$935 00

SCHOOLS.

School District No. 1—109 scholars,		248 26
" " " 2, 83 "		208 97
" " " 3, 44, "		150 04
" " " 4, 42, "		147 02
" " " 5. 55, "		166 67
" " " 6, 40 "		144 00
" " " 7, 71, "		190 84
" " " 8, 23, "		125 87
" " " 9, 27, "		124 36
" " " 10, 54, "		165 16
		$1671 19
Scholars in 1857, 553		
" 1856, 543		
—— 10 increase in 1857.		
In 1857 each scholar drew		$302 1-5
In 1856 " " "		233 3-5

SUMMARY.

Money raised for Town debt and charges,		2200 00
" " " Schools.		1600 00
" " " Overlayings,		121 11
Highway Taxes returned, unworked,		111 67
State Tax,		1242 00
County Tax,		1010 84
		$6285 62
Whole valuation of the Town,	$796 423	
No. of Polls 404. Tax 70 cts. on $100		

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Previous to March 2, 1857,	252 19	
" " 1, 1858,	709 36	
		$961 55

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Previous to March 2, 1857,	508 86	
" " 1, 1858,	1259 25	
		$1768 11
Overseers of the Poor,		935 00
School Districts,		1671 19
Abatement of Taxes,		107 22
		$5443 07

The Selectmen estimate the liabilities of the Town as follows: Incidental Expenses, $150 00

L. H. HILDRETH,
GEORGE REED,
E. A. HARWOOD,
} SELECTMEN OF WESTORD.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor, from February 7, 1857, to February 7, 1858.

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, stock, &c., as by appraisal of the Committee, February 7, 1857, $1894 98
" 9, 1858, 1635 20

Loss on Personal Property, $259 78

Received from the income of the farm as by H. W. Crocker's book:—

For Milk,	299 07
Calves,	54 50
Poultry,	4 50
Vinegar,	3 35
Beans,	2 20
Potatoes,	20 39
Oil Meal,	8 75
Seed Corn,	20
Work done off the farm,	23 00
Oak Chips,	5 00
Apples,	30 40
Cranberies,	4 50
Rye,	1 50
Straw,	12 67
Cider,	1 43

Lard,	4 73
Wood,	9 50
Articles furnished J. Hurley,	4 60
Fresh Meat,	3 50
Boarding men when cutting timber for barn,	6 00
Cash left by Amaziah Kemp,	2 50

OTHER RESOURCES.

Drawn from Treasury,	935 00
Boarding Betsey Hunstable,	32 68
State Paupers,	24 30
	$1494 27

Also received by Willis Wilder after the 9th day of Feb. 1857, before the first day of April 1857, for articles sold from Poor Farm.

For Eggs,	3 20
Potatoes,	6 00
Dried Apple,	56
Oak Timber,	9 00
Calf,	7 00
Milk,	88
	$26 64
Paid by W. Wilder,	11 14
Leaving a balance against Wilder of	15 50
Amount brought forward,	1494 27
	$1509 77

Payments made by Henry W. Crocker ;—

Paid for grain and meal,	69 47
goods,	28 68
repairing pump,	1 37
ox muzzles and wheelbarrow,	3 75
medicine,	7 82
bakers bill,	5 90
potash,	4 35
repairing harness, 1 80, repairing wagon and sleigh, 2 37,	4 17
blacksmiths work,	2 48
fresh fish,	1 46
men on the farm,	133 62
woman's work in the house,	2 48
filing saws,	80
butchering, 1 50, school tax, 1 36,	2 86
flour barrels,	5 60

Bills paid by the Overseers :

Paid James M. Wright, for digging grave for Mrs. Stevens,	2 00
D. C. Mead, for goods for Mrs. Elbridge Reed,	3 19
Ephriam Wright, for 5 Coffins for the Paupers,	17 75
George M. Child, 53 lbs. butter,	11 66
Willis Wilder, for services as Overseers of Poor House, 1856,	365 00
on last year's Account for 1856, and balance due,	92 85
the town of Medford, for F. Scotts family,	20 00
C. H. Prescott, for Hay,	19 00

for hay cutter,	12 25
Timothy Fletcher, for trimming apple trees,	5 25
Timothy P. Wright, for blacksmith work,	7 18
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods from the Store,	181 46
" " " " "	89 15
George A. Aldrich, for boarding Widow Rhoda Wright,	17 50
House of Correction, for boarding Levi Prescott,	4 56
J. B. Fletcher, for Manure Fork,	2 00
Mrs. A. Davis, for grave clothes for Thomas Kemp,	1 75
Amos Day, for digging 2 grave for paupers,	4 00
Town of Medway, for furnished Mrs. E. Green,	3 00
Joseph Hildreth, for work done for A. Kemp,	1 65
Joseph Hildreth, for going to Medway and expenses, after Mrs. E. Green,	11 25
Joseph Hildreth, for going to Ashby to see about R. Wilkinson, and the Widow Rhoda Wright, and expenses,	6 75
Daniel E. Parker, for boarding Robert Wilkinson,	23 00
Oliver Woodward, for articles furnished Timothy Callahan,	23 00
Charles Minor, for work on poor farm,	20 00
Levi Snow, for digging 2 graves for paupers,	4 00
Ira Leland, for cow,	44 00
Ira Leland, for meat furnished T. Callahan,	8 32
Oren Cooledge Jr., for trimming apple trees,	8 75
Joseph Hildreth, for expenses and time carrying T. Callagan to the State Alms House,	3 45
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for store goods,	3 01
Dr. B. Osgood, for medical services at the Poor House,	35 79
Sylvester Hildreth, for hay and weighing,	15 95
Overseers of last year,	2 00
N. S. Hamblin, for making out Report,	4 00
" " " making returns to Secretory of State,	2 00
" " " time and expenses going to Cambridge to see about claim for boarding A. Hildreth and S. W. Hewey,	3 50
" " " time and expenses going to Worcester about T. E. Richardson,	6 10
" " " going to see about Timothy Callagan,	75
" " " for 10 1-2 lbs. of butter,	2 63
" " " going to see about Foster,	75
" " " going to Medford to settle bill for Scott's family,	3 00
" " " paid L. Luce for attending two funerals,	2 00
" " " necessaries furnished James Currier,	2 75
" " " necessaries furnished Mrs. Jackson,	3 27
" " " time and expenses going to Boston about J. G. Kemp,	3 00
" " " going to Littleton about the settlement of Josephine Smith,	75
" " " services as Overseer of the Poor.	5 00
Joseph Hildreth, for going to see about Timothy Callagan,	75
" " " going to see about Foster,	75
" " " going to Lowell and expenses about J. Currier,	2 50
" " " services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00

William Reed, services as Oveeseer of the Poor,	5 00
Calvert & Sargent's blacksmith bill,	15 19
	$1411 97

Statement of the expenses of the Poor above the income of the farm for the year ending Feb. 7, 1858.

Amount drawn from the Treasury,	935 00
Received from the State for State Paupers,	24 30
Received for Betsey Hunstable,	32 68
	$791 98
There is due the Town from the State,	33 97
There is due the Town from H. W. Crocker,	56 02
	$89 99
There was due W. Wilder on the first of April 1857 for labor on the farm,	442 50
There will be due to H. W. Crocker as near as known,	170 00
	$272 50

Therefore there has been paid more the past year for labor than will have to be paid by the next board for this year by $272 50.

No. of persons supported wholly or in part in the Poor House, eleven N. B. $149 00 of S. & S. D. Fletcher's store bill was for flour and meal.

The actual expense of supporting the poor exclusive of the interest on the farm has been about $600 00 for the the past year.

N. S. HAMLIN,
WILLIAM REED,
JOSEPH HILDRETH,
} Overseers of the Poor.

Westford, February 11, 1858.